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Alta.'s books move from bad to worse

Trouble ahead.

Province forecasting
budget deficit as high
as \$4 billion

The Alberta government's bottom line continues to bleed red ink and the province is planning job cuts and a wage freeze for civil-service managers to try to stem the flow.

Tory Finance Minister Doug Horner announced plans Tuesday for a three-year management-salary freeze. It is to begin April 1 and is expected to save taxpayers \$54 million.

The government is also reducing the number of public-sector managers by 10 per cent, or about 480 positions, over that same time period, he said.

"Alberta is continuing to face serious challenges to our

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"Alberta is continuing to face serious challenges to our bottom line."

Tory Finance Minister Doug Horner

bottom line," Horner said as he released the province's third-quarter fiscal update.

"Alberta is dealing with rapidly falling resource revenues and it means we're making some tough decisions."

Horner said in the first nine months of the 2012-13 fiscal year, resource revenue was \$2.4 billion lower than expected.

Alberta is now forecasting a deficit of between \$3.5 and \$4 billion — at least four times what was originally predicted in the last budget.

Horner said lower resource-revenue expectations have been partially offset by

\$600 million in savings across ministries.

The management cuts were not enough for the Opposition Wildrose party. Leader Danielle Smith suggested middle management ranks need to be thinned by half.

"It seems to me with what they're putting forward here that this is window dressing," she said. "The budget that was put forward last year is totally unravelling. We knew it did not contain projections that were remotely achievable."

The Liberals concurred.

"It's like putting your finger in the dike and hoping the problem goes away," said Liberal member Kent Hehr.

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Drivers best not dawdle if they want to avoid a ticket, at least according to this sign, which is one of dozens in Calgary indicating one-minute parking zones. Yes, you read that right. One minute. For the story behind these slowly disappearing signs (that are not strictly enforced) go to page 3. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO



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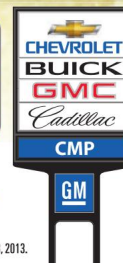
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Queue-jumping inquiry

Staff denies private clinic helped U of C donors

Two operators of a private Calgary health centre concede they tried to end-run the booking procedures at a publicly funded cancer-screening clinic, but not to get their patients pushed to the front of the line.

Dr. Doug Caine and business operator Leah Tschritter-Pawluck testified Tuesday that management was so shoddy at Calgary's Colon Cancer Screening Centre they felt they had to pull strings just to get their patients entered into the database.

"We had a problem and we were trying to find a better way to get (our patients) to be seen efficiently and be put into the system," Caine, the lead physician at the private Helios Wellness Centre, told the public inquiry into queue-jumping.

"We had tried every other mode of communication," added Tschritter-Pawluck.

The two were called to testify after the inquiry heard testimony last month that Dr. Ron Bridges, a high-ranking University of Calgary academic and physician, and Darlene Pontifex, the office manager at the Colon Cancer Centre, were allegedly co-opting the resources of the publicly funded facility to fast-track Helios patients.

Last month, Calgary gastroenterologist Dr. Jon Love told the inquiry he visited Helios in 2010 and Caine told him Helios was set up to reward deep-pocket donors to the University of Calgary.

On Tuesday, Caine testified he did not recall saying that to Love, but noted that Helios itself — a non-profit organization — was a big contributor to the University of Calgary.

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More meetings. Alderman wants better relationship with Calgary trustees

Calgary trustees and aldermen should be penciling in more meetings together in their daytimers to help prevent capacity issues currently plaguing dozens of schools, says the city's longest-serving alderman.

Ald. Dale Hodges' ward has seen both sides of the school-enrolment conundrum in recent years.

The Calgary Board of Education moved to close Montgomery Junior High in 2011 and narrowly kept Terrace

Road School afloat by establishing an early-intervention program there last year.

On the other end of the spectrum, an influx of families with small children have strained schools in communities like Royal Oak and Tuscany.

"There should be more communication," Hodges said. "It would be ideal. Right now there's just a formal meeting twice a year — that doesn't do it."

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Energy efficiency. Calgary to wait on provincial budget before next step

Calgary will wait until after the provincial budget before deciding whether to spend \$120,000 on a new energy-efficiency initiative.

Ald. Brian Pincott and Ald. Gael MacLeod requested the money from the city's Council Innovation Fund but, after some resistance from other aldermen at committee Tuesday, Pincott offered to put off the final decision until after the budget is delivered March 7.

It's just "so we have a notion of what's in the provincial

budget," Pincott said, noting that the province is not a direct funding partner in the project.

MacLeod said \$90,000 from the Alberta Real Estate Foundation, \$30,000 from Alberta Ecotrust and \$50,000 from the Alberta Energy Efficiency Alliance has already been secured.

She said the initiative would look broadly at how Calgary can boost energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse-gas emissions. Council will vote on the matter March 18.

ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

One-minute parking zones confuse, amuse

'Fairly significant cost.'

City has no plans to remove the old signs, opting instead to let them live out their life cycles before being replaced

100 signs remain

The last one-minute-parking sign was installed in 2007 and about 100 of the signs remain in place around Calgary, according to city roads spokesman Sean Somers.



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Park if you must, but be gone in 60 seconds.

That's the literal message from dozens of outdated and slowly disappearing parking signs scattered across Calgary, informing motorists that they can only leave their vehicle legally on the street for a single minute.

"It does seem a little bit silly," city roads spokesman Sean Somers said of the signs, which have confused and amused both visitors and long-time Calgarians alike.

"It certainly is one of the more bizarre things here in

Calgary," said Cynthia Mueller, who noticed one of the signs on Westmount Road N.W. last year.

Most of the signs were originally installed in school zones and near Canada Post "super-boxes" as a way of keeping traffic moving, Somers said, and the city is now slowly phasing them out in favour of "loading zone," "briefs stops only," or simple "no parking" signs.

As for enforcement, the Calgary Parking Authority said it doesn't have officers sitting in the bushes with a stopwatch.

Infractions in the one-minute zones are complaint-based, said CPA communications manager Shelley Trigg, and complaints are "very rare."



This sign in the 2200 block of Westmount Road N.W. is one of dozens around Calgary indicating one-minute street parking. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

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Parents have second thoughts after moving in ahead of schools

Home-buyer beware. Planned sites for Calgary Board of Education buildings have remained vacant for years



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Sean Vishnu expected his kids' commute to school to take mere minutes, not an hour.

The father of two went so far as to phone the Calgary Board of Education before settling down in the southeastern neighbourhood of New Brighton on more than two years ago, inquiring about a proposed elementary school less than a block from the home he was eyeing — a lawn sign marked the designated area for the kindergarten to Grade 4 building.

"I was told, 'You're fourth on the list, so you will probably get it very soon,'" recalled Vishnu, who now serves with the area community association.

Dozens of families in the

Second thoughts

20

Early results of a survey being circulated in the New Brighton community indicate up to 20 per cent of families are having second thoughts about settling in the area because of delays in funding for new schools.

area — and potentially hundreds citywide — factor in the proximity of a planned school in their decision to settle in a community; however, with a constantly changing CBE capital-plan ranking and a five-year drought on provincial funding for such projects, many have been left wondering if they made the right choice.

In New Brighton's case, the elementary has now slipped to No. 5 on the ranking and is joined at No. 6 by a proposed middle school for the area as well. In all, the two buildings would house 1,500 students.

But without them, Vishnu's children now spend up to an hour each way on the bus to schools in Acadia and Willow Park.

"If I had known about all



This sign designates a proposed site for an elementary school in New Brighton, which has yet to receive provincial money despite being on the Calgary Board of Education's capital-funding list for four years. The area has also been pegged for a middle school that also remains unfunded currently. DARREN KRAUSE/METRO

the busing delays and what we're dealing with now, I most likely would have chosen a community that had an

existing school," he said.

Calgary realtor Robin Spiers said many of his clients see a big draw in choosing commun-

ities with already established, high-ranking schools.

"We may be seeing a shift in what people are looking

for," he said. "If this keeps happening, the limited space in schools, it could definitely have an effect."

New central library project praised, pushed forward



An artist's imagining of what the new central library might look like. A final design has yet to be done but the project is to include a +15 walkway connecting the facility to the Calgary Municipal Building to the west. CONTRIBUTED/CITY OF CALGARY

Calgary's new \$245-million central library received nearly unanimous support from aldermen Tuesday, as they ushered the project to the cusp of final approval.

"It's a very big day," Mayor Naheed Nenshi said. "This will change downtown Calgary and, in fact, Calgary forever."

A civic committee approved shuffling around some of the final financing required for the massive project, which is already fully funded, including a \$70-million contribution from the Calgary Municipal Land Corporation, the city-owned

East Village development agency.

"This will be an anchor for East Village and this will benefit the whole East Village project," said Ald. Druh Farrell. "It will also act as a cultural heart for the entire city of Calgary."

There were some criticisms of the project, however.

Ald. Peter Demong said he was "very concerned" about the way the proposal makes more room for meeting and public spaces, at the expense of space for book collections. Another concern for him is the library's long-term plan to move away

from physical books and toward ebooks. "Call me old-fashioned, but libraries are really about books," Demong said.

Interim Calgary Public Library CEO Ellen Humphrey said "the book is not dead" but the library does need to change with the times. "The library is partly a memory institution," she said. "But it's also a forward-looking institution."

The mayor also had concerns about "worst-case scenario" projections that put the new library's operating costs \$3.45 million per year higher than at the present central library.

Final approval

Council, as a whole, is set to vote on the project's final approval on Monday.

- A design competition could be held later this year.
- The city hopes to open the new central library by 2018.

"That's too much," Nenshi said. "We've got to think hard about the operating cost impacts." ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO



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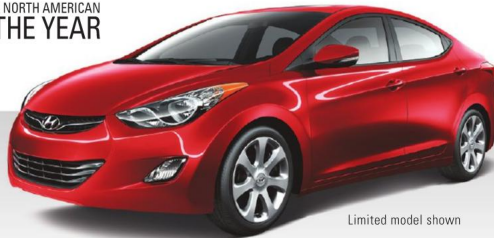
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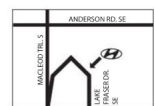
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Olympic pin trade strong 25 years on



Wayne Ronald, one of the founding members of the Calgary International Pin Club, holds up two pins from the '88 Games: one of a skiing Howdy, and the other from the opening ceremonies. KATIE TURNER/METRO

For the love of the Games. Calgary devotees travel to Olympics solely to collect and barter pins



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Twenty-five years after they began trading at Stephen Avenue Mall, one Calgary pin club is still going strong, and their collections, even stronger.

Like thousands of Calgarians and tourists, many members of the Calgary International Pin Club began trading during the 1988 Winter

Olympics.

Mark Mogen, a member since the club formed in the summer of 1988, said it wasn't difficult to catch the pin-trading fever.

The C-Train and downtown streets quickly became trading grounds, as the infamous Coca-Cola Pin Trading tent was usually packed wall-to-wall, according to Mogen.

In one instance, Mogen recalls being approached by a Russian man while on the train platform near Hudson's Bay downtown.

"We didn't understand each other at all, but we pointed to what was on our jackets and we made our trade. I just remember nodding my head saying, 'Thank you.'"

The club started off with about 150 members in 1989,

and now a quarter-century later, about 50 members remain, with most attending a monthly meeting.

"Some of us die-hards kept the club going and kept trading," said member Mark Mogen. "We still have the Olympic passion in our blood."

Along with collections evolving and growing (Mogen estimates he has about 5,500 pins), friendships have blossomed.

Founding members and friends Wayne Ronald and Pepe Vargas have travelled the world and attended four Olympics each, even going to Salt Lake City together, solely for pin trading.

"Twenty-six years ago I didn't know him," said Vargas, motioning to Ronald. "Now we see each other all the time."

International Pin Club

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- Every year for more than 20 years, the club hosts the Festival of Pins during the last week of August.
- The club meets on the third Sunday of every

month at the Chapelhow Legion between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

- Mogen said the club always encourages new members. For more information, visit calgaryinternationalpinclub.com.



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Today, we profile the state of Canadian innovation and where the seeds of ideas are being sown. Governments are stepping up with increased innovation investment and the private sector is poised to jump on the opportunities — Canada is ripe for the next wave of social, cultural and technological innovation.

On Day 2 we look back at Canada's innovative past and show you today's Canadians who are making a difference. On Day 3 we look at some of Canada's failures — and a surprise guest tells us what we need to do to charge to the forefront of innovation.

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Government, investors & academics are serious about leading us out of innovation's backwoods

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BALDWIN

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In the mid-1800s, a Canadian scientist sought to honour his deaf mother and wife through understanding the science of hearing.

By 1874 he was splitting time between his Brantford, Ont., home and a Boston laboratory, gaining a reputation as one of the most intelligent and inventive scientists in the Western hemisphere. It was in Boston, though, where he would develop the vital relationships — and funding — required to produce the technology that would change the way billions of people communicated.

Most of us wouldn't have known the name Alexander Graham Bell had it not been for American businessmen Gardiner Hubbard and Tom Sanders.

Aside from being Bell's father-in-law, Hubbard, along with Sanders, provided the resources required for experimental prototypes.

Nearly 150 years later, inspired Canadian scientists, engineers and entrepreneurs continue to head south to have their dreams realized.

A 2010 report by the Conference Board of Canada gave our country a D grade for its innovation efforts and a ranking of 14 out of 17 developed countries (below Austria and Denmark). They defined innovation as "the ability to turn knowledge into new and improved goods and services."

The report found Canada lagging in several key innovation indicators, including patents produced per capita, export market share of elec-

tronics and pharmaceuticals, and technology manufacturing.

Later that year, the government assembled an expert panel from the academic and corporate worlds to solve the innovation gap. The result was a report entitled Innovation Canada: A Call to Action, a review of innovation over the past 30 years that provided a framework for repositioning Canada's economy.

"The budget last year, which was only maybe six months after the report, enacted a whole host of initiatives that were recommended in the report," says Tom Jenkins, the panel's chair.

Quoted



"I think overall we are still lagging in innovation. As a score, we're certainly not at the top. The Conference Board, the Institute for Competitiveness and Prosperity — they all show that we can do better, and historically we have done better."

Tom Jenkins is the executive chairman and chief strategy officer of Waterloo, Ont.-based software company OpenText, serves on boards for a variety of software companies, is a member of several national academic councils and the chair of the Canadian Digital Media Council.

Among Jenkins's several distinguished titles is executive chairman and chief strategy officer of Waterloo, Ont.-based software company OpenText.

According to him, two significant barriers to innovation are the bureaucratic red tape keeping entrepreneurs from tax credits, and turning the government — one of the market's largest buyers — into a customer.

Progress has been made on the former point through simplification of the Scientific Research and Experimental Development tax-incentive program (known as SHRED).

The latter has been considered through the Canadian Innovation Commercialization Program, which awards government contracts to the most

innovative firms. For Jenkins, these are steps in the right direction, but more needs to be done by the public sector to drive competition.

"In our research we found that customers, demanding customers, in a competitive environment, are the No. 1 driver of innovation," he said. "The private sector has this built-in conveyor belt that forces it to innovate, and if it's not innovating fast enough or big enough, then that's where government, which has a different agenda, needs to sort of weigh in and encourage."

Jenkins notes four key components of an innovation ecosystem:

Talent

Canada's schools continue to perform well on a global stage, but now it's a matter of cultivating this wealth of intelligence and creativity.

Toronto has seen the formation of university-based innovation centres like Ryerson University's Digital Media Zone, alongside innovation-focused post-grad programs.

The same can be said for the University of Calgary's Haskayne School of Business and the University of British Columbia's Sauder School of Business.

Capital

Today's entrepreneurs look to government grants and loans in the public sector and large, daring investment companies (angel investors and venture



Ironically, Alexander Graham Bell, arguably this country's greatest innovator, had on to create the BlackBerry found that things have gotten a little better for bright

Suzie's path
of innovation

Suzie could be your average Canadian. She is intelligent, creative and motivated. She doesn't mind her job, but is constantly daydreaming about building something she can call her own. Suzie has ideas, but she's the only one who knows them. She has plans, but doesn't know how to carry them out.

The entrepreneurial road can be daunting, but if Suzie can follow five steps, she could end up with exactly what she's been dreaming about. **STEPHEN BALDWIN/METRO**



Conception

A great idea can come in an "a-ha!" moment or through weeks of brainstorming. Ideas come in all shapes and sizes and can be original or improvements to current concepts or products. Who hasn't thought, "That would be so much better if ..."? Thoughts will be swirling and questions will arise: What purpose will it serve? How will we execute it? Is there a market? Just don't spend too much time coming up with the company name.



Collaboration

Ideas begin to take shape when people with a common interest or goal work together. Everyone's got a unique perspective, and incorporating everyone's input on a product or service can be painstaking — but necessary — as the idea percolates. Breakthroughs are the result of hours of tedious work. Having someone to help carry the burden and responsibility can allow you to get where you need to be faster and more effectively. For those who can't find their entrepreneurial soul mate, meet-ups and forums can help.

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to leave Canada to pursue the inventions he envisioned. His successors who went people with bright ideas. PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY DAVID VAN DYKE

capital funds) in the private sector. Examples of the latter include VA Angels (Alberta), Version One Ventures (B.C.), First Angel Network (Nova Scotia), Extreme Venture Partners (Ontario), Sask Works Venture Fund and the Manitoba Knights.

Infrastructure

Innovation hubs called incubators and accelerators continue to pop up throughout the country, often in collaboration with universities. They have helped companies in Waterloo like OpenText and BlackBerry thrive.

"It's where you get to perform the contact sport," Jenkins says. "In those centres, there are accountants, bankers, people who can access mentors. That's absolutely essential."

Customers

A concentrated customer base is essential to the growth of a company, but the Internet has made it such that this is no longer a geographical requirement. A Canadian startup can come up with a product that caters specifically to Icelanders.

In January, Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced a \$400-million investment in venture capital.

It's a big step for a government that has been criticized both at home and abroad for living in the past, and with the infrastructure in place, it's now on the private sector, and the next generation of entrepreneurs, to take advantage.

Regardless of the outcome, Canadians can find comfort in the axiom that tolerance breeds innovation. But in this game, according to Jenkins, getting too comfortable can mean falling behind.

"It's the nature of innovation that you cannot rest on your laurels. Because innovation by its nature is constantly changing and constantly challenging countries or companies to keep up. This is not a snapshot, it's a treadmill."

Startups

Canadian innovation: A cautionary tale



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Canada's track record for supporting innovation is good — but it could be better, experts say.

More available capital, resource support and a dash of bravado might be what it takes to push our creative envelope to the max.

Small-business consultant Mark Evans believes the investment community looks at the big-ticket items at the expense of overlooking niche innovation.

"There are not enough sources of seed capital, and a lot has to do with the investment mentality that prevails with big investors who are more conservative. We're happy giving money to companies that want to dig holes in the ground (minerals, etc.), but it's a different game when it comes to other investments," said Evans, a former business journalist, turned consultant, with past credits in the Financial Post and The Globe and Mail.

Small businesses in Canada are a big deal. They account for 98 per cent of our ongoing businesses — and many of them started up to fill a niche or provide a service with an innovative idea or approach. They are the drivers of innovation.

"It's important that people (especially youth) begin thinking like entrepreneurs," says Lesley Wilmot, director of marketing and communication at the Canadian Youth Business



Small businesses aren't small potatoes in Canada. They account for 98 per cent of ongoing businesses in the country. But are today's youth thinking like entrepreneurs? PHOTOS.COM

Association.

"We need them for our economy to continue to grow."

Wilmot's organization was established by the government in 1996 and provides youth between 18 and 39 with much-needed startup capital and access to mentors, who offer business advice, guidance and collaboration.

The government and private sector are stepping up with more credit and support for innovative small businesses across the country.

The final step, according to Evans, is believing we're

innovators. Canada has long been an innovative nation, but we tend to shy away from the limelight.

"Canadians are too modest and humble for their own good compared to (Americans), who are always ready to declare themselves as the best or No. 1," said Evans.

More online

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Funding and incubation

Venture capitalism and angel investors are emerging as popular avenues for funding. These investors are willing to bet big on great ideas, often for a piece of the company or its profits. Small business can also look to available grants and loans offered by each level of government. Incubators and accelerators provide new businesses with the resources and mentoring needed to grow. Both often provide funding, but their real value is in helping you develop your idea in a collaborative setting.



Experimentation

This varies depending on the idea or application. Web startups will launch a beta version of their site, while others require a more tactile approach (e.g., testing/demonstration in the targeted industry, trade shows/showcases, etc.). This stage allows kinks to be smoothed, and in some cases forces you to start from scratch.



Marketing

This step is often overlooked, but it's as important as the others. You've put together something fresh and innovative, but no one knows about it, so no one cares. Researching and seeking out those people who can influence the success of your innovation is critical. The way you present your business will say a lot about what you do and how you do it. Done right, you can allow the innovation to speak for itself.

Brantford, Ont.

StatsCan worker
trashes hotel room

Broken furniture. Stained carpets. Ink-smeared bed sheets. Damaged wallpaper.

Newly released documents show one census taker's wild party left Statistics Canada with a hefty bill for her trashed hotel room.

Eight enumerators rolled into Brantford, Ont., in July 2011 and checked into the Hampton Inn.

One room was trashed. The total bill came to nearly \$6,000. Statistics Canada settled for \$4,000.

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Climate change

Tory carbon policy
a mess: Report

The Conservative decision to go with complex, sector-by-sector regulation of emissions while provinces experiment with market-driven policies, such as cap-and-trade systems and carbon taxes, makes for a confusing and possibly expensive patchwork, said a report released Tuesday by the International Institute for Sustainable Development. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Pistorius says he mistook his girlfriend for intruder

Premeditated murder charge. Prosecutors say the evidence proves the killing was no accident

Oscar Pistorius wept Tuesday as his defence lawyer read the athlete's account of how he shot his girlfriend to death on Valentine's Day, claiming he had mistaken her for an intruder.

Prosecutors, however, told a packed courtroom that the double-amputee mercilessly killed 29-year-old Reeva Steenkamp as she cowered inside a locked bathroom.

Pistorius told the Pretoria Magistrate's Court at a bail hearing he felt vulnerable in the presence of an intruder inside the bathroom because he did not have his prosthetic legs on, and fired into the door.

In a major point of contention, prosecutor Gerrie Nel said Pistorius took the time to put on his prostheses, walked seven metres from the bed to the enclosed toilet inside his bath-



The chief magistrate ruled that Pistorius must face the harshest bail requirements. MASI LOSI, PRETORIA NEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

room and only then opened fire. Three of the four bullets fired into the door hit Steenkamp, Nel said.

Pistorius said in his sworn statement that after opening fire, he realized Steenkamp was not in his bed.

"It filled me with horror and fear," Pistorius said.

The 26-year-old Olympian said he put on his prosthetic legs and tried to kick down the door before finally bashing it in with a cricket bat. Inside, he said he found Steenkamp. He

said he lifted her bloodied body and tried to carry her downstairs to seek help.

Nel said the athlete opened fire after the couple engaged in a shouting match and she fled to the bathroom.

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The victim

Reeva Steenkamp actively campaigned against domestic violence.

- South Africa has the world's highest rate of women killed by an intimate partner, according to a study by the Medical Research Council. Professor Rachel Jewkes of the council said at least three women are killed by a partner every day.



A woman holds a photo of Reeva Steenkamp as she leaves her funeral Tuesday. SCHALK VAN ZUYDAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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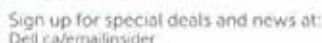


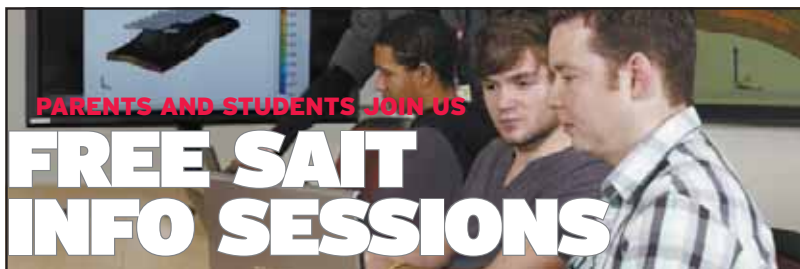
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Gas explosion lights up entire Kansas City block

Fourteen injured.

Either car crash or contractor accident believed to be cause

A gas explosion that sparked a massive, block-engulfing blaze in an upscale Kansas City shopping district injured 14 people, a city official said Tuesday evening, adding that it is believed that an accident involving a utility contractor may have caused the blast.

City Manager Troy Schulte said he had not heard of any fatalities.

Earlier, Kansas City police had said the blast was caused by a car crashing into a gas main just after 6 p.m. Fire officials said later they were not aware of a crash being involved in the blast.

Police Sgt. Tony Sanders said the manager of JJ's restaurant, which was destroyed in the explosion, was unable to account for three people, but it was unclear whether they were caught in the blaze or had left earlier.

The University of Kansas Hospital was treating five



In this image taken from video from KCTV, firefighters battle a massive fire at Country Club Plaza in Kansas City, Mo., on Tuesday. KCTV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

people injured in the blast, said spokesman Bob Hallinan. He said one person was in critical condition, two were in serious condition and two others were expected to be released. He said all the injuries were traumatic, such as broken bones, rather than burns or smoke inhalation.

Kerry O'Connor, a spokeswoman for St. Luke's Hospital, which is near the scene of the fire, said several patients were sent to the hospital. She said they hadn't yet been as-

sessed but appeared "to be critical."

The smell of gas remained very strong near the area long after the explosion.

Jim Ligon, a bartender who has worked at JJ's restaurant for five years, said the incident happened during the peak of weekday happy hour, when there is typically anywhere from 15 to 45 people in the bar area as well as three to five tables of diners at the restaurant.

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EU mystery-meat scandal. Fancy some horse ravioli? Nestle recalls pasta meals

The world's biggest food and drinks maker Nestle SA has become the latest company to pull some of its products off European shelves after they were found to contain undeclared horsemeat.

The company, based in Vevey, Switzerland, said in a statement late Monday that it withdrew some of its beef pasta meals from sale after tests conducted two days earlier detected horse DNA. Nestle said it increased its surveillance after reports emerged last month of mislabelled products being sold in Britain.

"Our tests have found traces of horse DNA in two products made from beef supplied by

H.J. Schypke," Nestle said in a statement. "The levels found are above the one per cent threshold the U.K.'s Food Safety Agency uses to indicate likely adulteration or gross negligence."

H.J. Schypke, a German subcontractor for one of Nestle's suppliers, Belgium-based JBS Toledo N.V., said in a statement Tuesday that it had never knowingly procured horsemeat.

Nestle insisted that the Buitoni Beef Ravioli and Beef Tortellini meals sent to Italy and Spain, and frozen meat sold as Lasagnes à la Bolognaise Gourmandes to catering businesses in France, were safe to consume. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Great-West to buy Ireland's top life- insurance provider

EU economic recovery.

Winnipeg-based firm strikes deal with Irish government to privatize bailed-out company

Great-West Lifeco Inc. will buy Irish Life Group for \$1.75 billion from the Government of Ireland, which acquired the financial services company last summer as part of a bailout of its former parent.

Irish Life provides life insurance, pension management and investment services to more than one million customers — including about 800,000 individual policy holders.

It also manages assets worth the equivalent of \$50 billion and employs about 2,200 people — almost all in Ireland.

"The acquisition of Irish Life is transformational for our companies in Ireland," Great-West president and CEO Allen



Great-West Lifeco world headquarters is pictured in Winnipeg on Tuesday. The company will acquire Irish Life Group for \$1.75 billion through an agreement with the Government of Ireland. **JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Loney said Tuesday.

He said Great-West will become Ireland's leading provider of life insurance, pension and investment services with the single transaction.

The Winnipeg-based company began its pursuit of Irish Life when an auction process was launched in September 2011, but withdrew in November of that year due to the European sovereign debt and

banking crisis. Speaking from Dublin in a phone interview, Loney said that negotiations resumed about two-and-a-half months ago in November 2012, after the economy began to show signs of improvement.

"Certainly, the Irish economic situation and fiscal situation ... (has) improved out of all recognition in the last 18 months or so."

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Bring a gun and save

Hands up! I'll have pepperoni, onion and mushrooms

A Virginia Beach, Va., pizza shop owner is showing his support for firearm rights by giving gun owners a 15 per cent discount.

The discount is given to anyone who brings a gun or concealed handgun permit to All Around Pizzas and Deli. Since the discount began last Friday, owner Jay Laze says, 80 per cent of customers have brought guns into the pizza shop. One customer came in with an AK-47. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Market Minute

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Most astronauts explore space, the final frontier.

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Hadfield is the first Canadian commander of the International

Space Station, and, unlike previous, more conventional Canadian astronauts, Cmdr. Hadfield is knocking them dead.

It's as if he was on his way to Vegas and, instead of taking I-95, he took the second star to the right and went straight on until morning.

Since climbing aboard the ISS just before Christmas, he has: chatted with Captain Kirk, that other enterprising Canadian; composed a song and sung it with Ed Robertson of the Barenaked Ladies; sent valentines from space ("My heart glows like the Northern Lights ..."); participated in Ask Me Anything on Reddit; taken hundreds of vacation snaps (I think this one is Dublin by day ...); and tweeted compulsively to his 360,000 followers on Twitter.

Back here on the ground, we're not used to entertaining

astronauts. Astronauts are tucked in and trim. They say things such as "roger, wilco," not "Wow, I can feel the warmth of the Irish all the way up here. Go raibh maith agaibh!," which is what he tweeted after posting his high-flying photo of Dublin.

Hard to tell what he'll do for an encore, but you can bet his global audience will demand it. Maybe he'll be held over, like that other Canadian astronomical stalwart, Cirque du soleil.

It's also hard to tell what this virtuoso tour de farce is doing for space exploration or the Canadian Space Agency, but more than one commentator has pointed

out it will be harder to close it down by any government that doesn't have a death wish. Like the RCMP Musical Ride and the Snowbirds, you can't shut Chris Hadfield down any more than you can shut him up.

As I write, he's just finished demonstrating how to make a sandwich in a weightless state. (Peanut butter and honey on a space tortilla that's virtually indestructible. Yum.)

Of course, Hadfield's Orbiting Space Shenanigans aren't universally popular. Some people think he's trivializing space exploration and research. We spent how much to send Bozo into orbit? What about serious issues such as global warming? And, if you're a conspiracy theorist, what's he really doing up there?

Still, anyone with 360,000 followers must be doing something right. I think I've added 36 followers across the same time span. Of course, I can't tell you how to make a PB-and-honey sandwich in total weightlessness. I can, however, recommend crunchy over smooth, a tip that's worth its weightlessness in gold.



There's cosmic gold in them thar hills: "Tá Éire fíorálainn! Land of green hills and dark beer. With capital Dublin glowing in the Irish night," @Cmdr_Hadfield tweeted this photo on Monday, of the city taken from the ISS. TWITTER

Go-go Golden-i gadget



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Inspector's gadget

Headset lets police look through walls

This head-mounted computer promises to give police officers and other emergency services Robocop-like abilities. The Golden-i unit is operated by voice commands and head movements and allows the wearer to access vital information without using their hands. The device also offers the ability to see through walls thanks to infrared technology. METRO



Golden-i's infrared vision: developers say their gadget allows officers to record situations for later analysis and view live video feeds from other Golden-i devices. COURTESY OF GOLDEN-I/REX FEATURES

In stores this year

You too can spy with a Golden-i

Made by U.S.-based Kopin Corp. and U.K. firm Ikanos Consulting, Golden-i was showcased at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas last month, although "no pricing has been announced yet," a spokesperson told Metro. The Golden-i professional kit is expected to be released by the summer, while a consumer version is set for later in the year. METRO

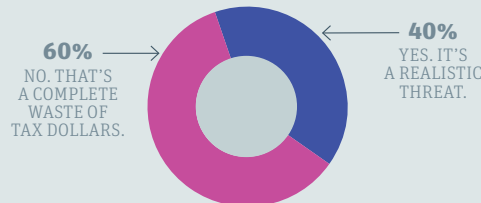
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- @kimfergusson:** A guy on the train had brought his "pet" wolf. I shit you not. If no one hears from me I have probably been mauled and eaten. #yyc #yikes
- @KelseyHip:** Rumour has it the Flames have put out calls to Mike Vernon and the portly fellow from Mighty Ducks with interest in their 'tending abilities
- @HouseGuyScott:** The first day back from vacation seems to suck more every year. #yyc
- @cromags:** Server at the #YYC bar we're at just asked if we cheer for the Saskatchewan NHL team...



Musician Carly Rae Jepsen — seen here performing during the Believe Tour in Los Angeles in October — received five Juno nominations on Tuesday, including album of the year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Call me Juno: Carly Rae Jepsen tops nominee list

Award contenders.

Justin Bieber, Johnny Reid, Leonard Cohen and Deadmau5 also recognized with multiple nominations

Looks like the Juno Awards knew Carly Rae Jepsen's number.

The singer from British Columbia — whose monster single Call Me Maybe took

the world by storm in 2012 — landed a leading five nominations on Tuesday, prompting a flood of kudos and even spontaneous singing from fellow nominees gathered at a media conference.

"It's catchy. It's in my blood," Maestro Fresh Wes, a nominee for rap recording of the year, said as he burst into the chorus of Call Me Maybe in a red-carpet interview.

"You can't help it, man. It's cool, man, it's cool, and I wish her all the best. It's a

lot of hard work. People just see the final product, they don't see the blood, sweat and tears that was put into making that project come into fruition, so all the best to her."

Jepsen was nominated for two prizes at the recent Grammy Awards but went home empty-handed.

At the Junos, she'll vie for the fan choice award, single of the year, album of the year, artist of the year and pop album of the year.

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Alberta nominees

- **Nickleback.** The Hanna, Alta. rockers are nominated for a JUNO Fan's Choice Award.
- **Makeshift Innocence.** The Calgary act is up for Reggae Album of the Year.
- **Jan Lisjecki.** The Calgary pianist's Mozart: Piano Concertos Nos. 20 & 21 is up for Classical Album of the Year: large ensemble or soloist(s).
- **Kreeshia Turner.** The Edmonton singer was nominated for R & B/Soul Recording of the Year.
- **Corb Lund.** The country troubadour is up for an award, sans Hurtin' Albertans: Roots & Traditional Album of the Year: Solo.



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Renee Zellweger
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Zellweger not afraid of some PDA

Renee Zellweger is enjoying her relationship with guitarist Doyle Bramhall, and she's not afraid to show it.

The pair was spotted making out on the beach during their current Hawaiian vacation, according to E! News.

"They have been really cute together," a source says. "They've been openly kissing and cuddling. He even has his guitar on vacation with him and was playing it for her while they waited for their rental car."



Charlize Theron

Star-studded first birthday party

Charlize Theron's one-year-old adopted son, Jackson, is already making headlines for his A-list birthday party, according to E! News.

"Sandra Bullock was one of the first guests to arrive with her son Louis," a source says of the fete held Sunday at Theron's Hollywood Hills home. "As they walked into the party, they bumped into Chelsea Handler who had also just arrived in a limousine. They all walked in together and headed for the backyard where children's music was playing and kids were running around."

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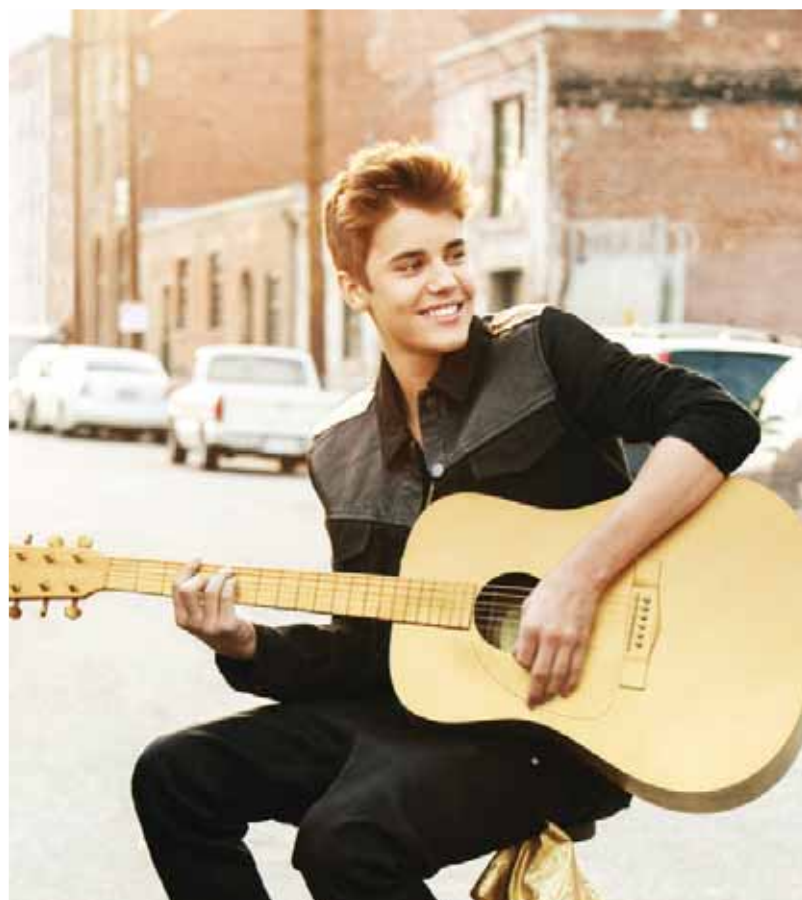
Paltrow has lost her passion for acting, source says

Gwyneth Paltrow just isn't feeling it anymore when it comes to her acting career, according to Us Weekly.

"She's lost her passion for movies," a source says.

"She won't quit acting. Her plan is to do one, maybe two supporting parts a year."

So what else will Paltrow do to fill her time? The source says she will mainly focus on her lifestyle website, Goop, with an aim to emulate another blonde star: Jessica Simpson. "She admires Jessica's empire," the source says. "She wants to make a killing." **METRO WORLD NEWS**



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President Dwight D. Eisenhower's golf shoes. Sam Snead's lunch box. Canadian legend Marlene Stewart Streit's first hole-in-one trophy. These are among the thousands of artifacts displayed at the World Golf Hall of Fame, the centerpiece of Florida's World Golf Village, a combination resort and theme park located between Jacksonville and St. Augustine.

As in every corner of the golf-obsessed Sunshine State, the northeast has targeted golf travellers, who account for one-third of the rounds played annually.

More than 50 public-play courses are found in a 153-kilometre stretch of prime beachfront marketers have tagged Florida's First Coast, since it was the first region settled by Europeans and offers the first beaches most vacationers see as they motor into the state.

Many visitors to the World Golf Hall of Fame stay on site at the refurbished 300-room Renaissance World Golf Village Resort, then set out to explore the village's shops, restaurants and the World Golf Hall of Fame, an entertaining mix of conventional museum-style exhibits and cutting-edge video presentations.

The brainchild of former PGA Tour commissioner Deane Beman, the hall is designed to reflect both golf's past and the spirit of the game.



Try your hand at the King and Bear course, courtesy of Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer. COURTESY WORLD GOLF HALL OF FAME

The 18 peaks of the roof of Boston architect E. Vernor Johnson's glass-and-steel shrine represent the 18 holes in a round of golf. And the front curve of the building is meant to symbolize the arc of a golf swing.

A barrage of archival films unroll on screens large and small throughout the hall.

In the Bob Hope Theatre, Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and other immortals appear in a video highlighting the comedian's famous passion for the game.

Also rolling in a never-ending loop is film of astronaut Alan Shepard's six-iron shot during the 1971 Apollo 14 mission, the swing that made golf the first inter-



The Slammer and Squire is also part of the World Golf Village.

planetary sport.

Interactive exhibits include a putting green where visitors can try their luck with old-style wood-shafted

putters and gutta percha balls.

Another highlight is the Trophy Room at the top of the Hall of Fame Tower,

Golf in the land of greats

Right on the World Golf Village property are the two excellent golf courses. Opened in 1998, the 6,939-yard Slammer and Squire course snakes tightly through wetlands before widening and wrapping around the hall. The layout was designed by Bobby Weed with input from Sam Snead (the Slammer) and Gene Sarazen (the Squire). Palmer and Nicklaus, in their only design collaboration, built the King and Bear course, a 7,279-yard beast opened in 2000. Palmer (the King) handled the layout's original routing, which Nicklaus (the Bear) then refined.

which holds the World Cup, the President's Cup and many more of golf's most famous baubles.

But the spiritual heart of the museum is Shell Hall, where handcrafted bronze relief plaques of each of the 141 honoured members line the Wall of Fame like ancient sarcophagi.

Even more fascinating — and intimately revealing — is the Member Locker Room, featuring more than 2,000 artifacts and memorabilia from the hall's members in lockers dedicated to telling their individual stories.

Found here are Nicklaus's favourite fly fishing rod, Babe Zaharias's harmonica, one of the two Purple Hearts won by Lloyd Mangrum in the Second World War, and the 1970 and 1972 World Team jacket worn by Marlene Stewart Streit, the winner of every major title in women's amateur golf, who in 2004 became Canada's first — and still only — inductee to the hall.

Found almost in the shadow of the hall is the PGA Tour Golf Academy, the only teaching facility that carries the PGA Tour name.

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- 1 cup quinoa
- 2 cups vegetable stock
- 1 1/2 cups canned corn kernels, drained
- 1 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 cup diced onion
- 1/2 cup diced red bell pepper
- 2 tsp crushed fresh garlic
- 1/2 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp seeded minced jalapeño pepper
- 4 cups chopped fresh spinach
- 1 tbsp water
- 1/3 cup chopped green onion
- 1/3 cup chopped cilantro
- 1/3 cup crumbled light feta cheese
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp lemon juice

essential amino acids, it's the only grain that's considered a complete protein, making this recipe a vegetarian's delight.

1. Bring quinoa and stock to boil. Cover and simmer 15 mins., just until stock is absorbed and quinoa tender. Remove from heat and place in serving bowl.

2. Spray non-stick skillet with cooking oil and place over medium heat. Sauté corn approximately 8 mins., just until browned, stirring. Set aside.

3. Spray skillet with cooking oil, add vegetable oil and place over medium heat. Add diced onion, bell pepper, garlic, cumin and jalapeño pepper and sauté until onion begins to brown, about 5 mins. Add spinach and water. Cook until spinach wilts, 2 mins.

4. Remove from heat. Stir in green onion, cilantro, cheese, olive oil, lemon juice and sautéed corn. Add mix to quinoa and combine. **ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)**

Quinoa with Charred Corn, Bell Pepper & Spinach Salad



This recipe serves four. LORELLA ZANETTI, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Drink of the Week

Stoli Kokopolitan

This sweet treat not only looks great but it tastes delicious, too. With its cranberry juice and chocolate vodka, it's quite the combo!

- 2 parts Chocolate Kokonut Stoli vodka
- 3/4 parts pomegranate juice or cranberry juice
- 1/2 part fresh lime juice
- 1/4-1/2 parts simple syrup

Combine the vodka, pomegranate or cranberry juice, fresh lime juice and simple syrup. Shake over ice and serve.

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Get the kids involved in making a customized Pitazza

Making your own version of your favourite take-out meals at home means you can control the amount of sodium and fat your family is consuming — without compromising on flavour.

If you stock your freezer with whole-wheat pita and your pantry with healthy

pasta sauce, you will always have the base for a perfect Pitazza at a moment's notice.

To add protein to your Pitazza without the extra sodium, roast a whole chicken. Remove the meat and store in your fridge. Freeze the bones for when

you have spare time to make your own, low-sodium chicken broth.

You can also top with your other favourite pizza toppings for a customized version of the Pitazza.

1. Preheat oven to 400 F (205 C).

2. On large baking sheet arrange pita bread. Spread 1/4 cup (50 ml) Healthy Choice Garlic and Fine Herb tomato sauce evenly on each pita half.

3. Top with 1/4 cup (50 ml) each: peppers, mushroom and 2 tbsp (25 ml) red onion. Evenly sprinkle crumbled feta cheese.

4. Bake for about 12 minutes or until the pita crust is golden.

NEWS CANADA/FACEBOOK.COM/HEALTHYCHOICECANADA

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup (125 ml) Healthy Choice Garlic and Fine Herb pasta sauce
- 1 90 g whole wheat pita, split in half to make 2 circles
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) finely sliced peppers (red, orange and/or yellow)
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) sliced mushrooms
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) minced red onion
- 2 tbsp low-fat feta cheese crumbled or your favourite low-fat cheese



This recipe serves two. **NEWS CANADA**

Snack. Almond-Herb Dip

This guilt-free dip is the perfect partner for fresh vegetables like baby carrots, cherry tomatoes and zucchini slices. Using low-fat yogurt and crunchy roasted almonds, you can customize your own herb combination.

1. If desired, thicken yogurt by lining a medium-sized bowl with cheesecloth. Wrap cheesecloth edges around outside of bowl and secure with rubber band. Pull cheesecloth edges to leave some space between cheesecloth and bottom of bowl for liquid to drip and collect.

2. Place yogurt in cheesecloth bowl and allow liquid to drip out for 30 minutes, refrigerated. Discard liquid.

3. Combine yogurt, al-

monds, herbs, green onion, salt and pepper in a bowl. Serve with fresh vegetables.

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Ingredients

- 2 cups (500 ml) plain, low-fat yogurt
- 1, 10-12-inch square of cheesecloth and 1 large rubber band
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) slivered almonds, roasted
- 5 tbsp (75 ml) chopped fresh herbs (any combination of parsley, dill, chives, chervil, basil and tarragon)
- 1 green onion, trimmed and diced
- 1/4 tsp each salt and pepper
- 4-6 cups (1-1.5 L) fresh vegetables for dipping, such as baby carrots, trimmed green beans, broccoli florets or strips of zucchini or bell pepper



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Animal lovers, bakers and confectionary connoisseurs across the country are invited to bake cupcakes and raise funds for Canada's inaugural national fundraising program for SPCAs and humane societies.

National Cupcake Day, Monday, Feb. 25, is organized by the British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (BC SPCA) and the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA) with many participating organizations across the country.

"We are encouraging people to register online at nationalcupcakeday.ca and then to bake and offer cupcakes by donation on Feb. 25, with all proceeds going to support their favourite participating SPCA or humane society," says Rosemary Conder, chief development officer of the BC SPCA. "Supporters can host National Cupcake Day parties in their homes, bake cupcakes to take to school or the office or



This mother and her pups were found in distress, but thanks to SPCA intervention and donor support all the dogs are now fully recovered and have been adopted into loving homes.

offer them by donation in the community. It's an easy and fun way to make a life-saving difference in the lives of animals who desperately need our help."

"We hope animal lovers will encourage their family and friends to donate online and to support their efforts by attending local National Cupcake Day parties, collecting donations or hosting events of their own," says Marc Ralsky, director, community and donor development for the OSPCA. "Everyone loves cupcakes, and they taste even sweeter when you know

it's for a good cause."

The event originated in Australia, developed by creative and passionate fundraisers at the RSPCA in New South Wales.

"The event there currently raises \$1 million annually Down Under," Conder says.

"And our RSPCA colleagues have been generously sharing their resources to make it a reality in Canada."

Once registered online, participants are mailed a National Cupcake Day host kit, which includes a poster, sticker, balloons



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and fundraising guide, making it easy for those who want to participate and help animals in need. Even if you are fashionably late joining in on the fun, you are welcome to continue fundraising or hosting an event after Feb. 25.

"This event is a team effort and every donation and cupcake counts," Ralsky says. "We would like to thank all participants and our generous sponsors Petsecure, Reynolds and BMO. Together we will be helping create a healthier and happier future for animals."

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The agriculture industry offers career opportunities to those who have specialized skill sets. ISTOCK IMAGES

How to succeed in the agriculture business

First steps. To kick start your career in this industry, you'll need a desirable skill set, a willingness to learn and a great attitude

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There are two kinds of wheat varieties: durum and non-durum. The wheat you consume is durum, while livestock feed uses non-durum wheat. Since wheat is the Prairies' main agricultural export, every farmer knows the difference between durum and non-durum wheat.

But here's the thing: to succeed in the agricultural industry, you don't need to know this. You'll learn about the industry on the job but all you need to start off is a desirable skill set, a willingness to learn and a great attitude.

While the same could be said of any job in any industry, the agriculture industry is unique in that there

Making an impression

Your first impression is the most important and once people have an idea of who you are, it's exponentially harder to change their minds.

- The impact your attitude can have on your career is something you shouldn't underestimate.

are certain areas that need strengthening. From my experience, these areas include logistics and marketing.

As a marketer, the route I took involved specializing in online marketing. Countless SEO firms are springing up and targeting agriculture companies because of the gap in this specialization. A company that is able to internalize online marketing costs would see better returns on their investment in online advertising — and this was my niche upon entering the agriculture industry.

Secondly, you'll need to be able to learn and learn fast. To

show your manager — or anyone else who has a say over your career path — that you're serious about a career in agriculture, you'll need to invest in educating yourself on the company's product.

And this doesn't have to be boring. You can read online articles, watch YouTube videos, read Fertilizer International (if that's your product) or read buyer's guides for farm machinery. But don't play FarmVille — that really won't help.

Don't forget to offer up a great attitude and work ethic. Although this point may seem obvious, it's also imperative. Even in my short career, I've seen people idling through their obligatory eight hours.

Agriculture is a seasonal industry so you'll experience weeks that are slower than others. But even then, make sure you remain productive by working on long-term projects or preparing yourself for the upcoming season.

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Don't fancy yourself a farmer? No matter — the agriculture industry is in need of specializations from engineering to biotechnology

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No matter what your major is or what your interests are, there's likely a career for you in agriculture. And if you've never considered working in the agriculture industry — or you still think working in agriculture means toiling in the sun — read on.

Right now, the industry is in need of specializations ranging from biotechnology to law to graphic design.

If you're like me, a city dweller who spends more time indoors than outdoors, you may question how the agriculture industry would suit you.

But working in the agriculture industry can be incredibly satisfying, the opportunities are endless, and it's one of the more stable industries out there — after all, we all have to eat.

Why choose agriculture?

Agriculture is an industry that often gets overlooked for the more sought after industries, such as oil and gas and the financial sector.

But most agricultural companies offer a laid-back atmosphere, which is a great transition from student life. In no other industry would I get to drive a tractor in a suit or get VIP seats to a chuckwagon race or act as Brock Lesnar's photographer for a day (yep, he's a farm boy!)

Of course, your experience will be different from mine, depending on your field and the company you work for. But at the end of the day, you can go home knowing you helped put food on millions of tables and had fun while doing so.

What jobs are available?

A recent report by the University of Guelph found that there are more than three jobs per agricultural graduate in Ontario. In the Prairies, the industry has never been stronger.

Because of the size of the industry, there are opportunities within almost every field. Engineers are needed for the development of industrial equipment, from GPS farming technology (known as precision farming) to 30-ton tractors,

while computer scientists are needed in areas such as data processing and data storage.

I work as an online marketing specialist for Rocky Mountain Equipment, an agriculture equipment dealer group. While my expertise lies in SEO, SEM, PPC and a few other fancy acronyms, other marketers in my company have specializations ranging from event planning to client relations, graphic design and public relations.

Then there are the advertising agencies. AdFarm and Woodruff Sweitzer are full-service advertising agencies that cater only to agricultural clients. AdFarm has offices across the Prairies, with teams of graphic designers and account executives at each office.

And for the science majors, there are the agricultural sciences. If you're not sure what to do with your B.Sc, consider



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that the agriculture industry employs biochemists, entomologists, geneticists and biotechnologists, just to name a few career paths.

And still, there are countless opportunities I have yet to touch on, including engineering positions for John Deere (which spends \$2 million a day on R&D), to loan officer and financial analyst positions for TD Canada Trust's Agriculture Services or Scotiabank's Agricultural Banking divisions. Chances are, no matter what your passions are, there's a career for you in agriculture.

What about job security?

The easy answer to this question is that we all need to eat. But to take this a step further, Canada's agricultural sector is likely Canada's most stable industry. It accounts for 8.1 per cent of Canada's GDP, employs one in eight Canadians, and the industry has grown a steady 1.5 per cent each year since 1997.

Have I convinced you yet?

While your university or college may not have a focus on agriculture, their career centre will still have contacts in the industry. And talentegg.ca has a dedicated focus on the agriculture industry with career guides and new job postings regularly.

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Turning a passion for farming into a career



The agricultural industry is full of knowledgeable people wanting to share what they know. ISTOCK IMAGES

As many students and recent graduates know, figuring out what career path you want to pursue is almost as challenging as actually pursuing it.

But fourth-year University of Guelph student Emily den Haan knew early on her heart was in the agricultural industry.

Growing up on a dairy farm got her actively involved in the agricultural community right from the get-go, and participating in 4-H immersed her even further in the industry.

In the midst of pursuing her bachelor of science in

agriculture and getting actively involved on campus, Emily also began to build up her career outside of school with a summer job at an international seed company.

What are the biggest challenges you have faced with this job and in this industry?

Without an intense cropping background I found it a steep learning curve to understand and communicate with other employees or sales reps at first. It was challenging but by asking

questions and being keen to learn and take in information, I learned quickly. I find these challenges are the most rewarding and beneficial because you learn so much just by stepping outside of your comfort zone and learning about something you are not familiar with.

What do you love the most about this job and this industry?

I really enjoy building relationships and working with

sales reps and customers by providing trial information or helping them plant plots. It goes back to why I fell in love with agriculture to begin with — the people are great to work with.

What are some of the coolest experiences you have had so far working in agriculture?

Seeing all the diverse farming practices and production systems in Canada and across North and South America was a pretty exciting and

noteworthy experience for me. In my second year of university I went to Costa Rica on an international agriculture field trip. It was really neat to compare their practices and farms with ours back in Canada.

What are your future goals?

I will be working in agricultural banking upon graduation in April 2013 and eventually, in the next five to 10 years, I plan on returning home to the dairy farm.

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Student Voice

Have a plan, but be ready to embrace change

Aisalyn Templin
Graduate, Political Science
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After attending three different universities and switching programs three times, I finally landed in political science at the University of Toronto.

It was an unlikely decision, considering my path began with public relations in a media studies program at Humber. I quickly realized this was not the right fit for me and instead pursued studies in an arts and business program at the University of Waterloo.

After a year and a half, I landed my first co-op job at the University of Toronto in a student centre. I loved coming to work every day, even if I missed having classmates at school. This co-op position turned into a full-time job for three years.

When I did go back to finish my degree, I transferred to U of T, which was my new home. Going back to school full-time was a huge challenge — I had gotten used to a student lifestyle, but with a salary and no homework.

When I did go back to class I wasn't sure where it would lead me. Like many of my friends, I decided to apply for a post-graduate program at a college in Toronto.

It turns out life had another plan in mind for me. Three weeks after my classes ended I saw a posting for the job I have today. Knowing my path has been

full of twists and turns I decided to go for it.

My philosophy of having a plan but embracing change paid off, and I love what I'm doing now.

Looking back, I resent years of "career planning" that began in grade 10. What happened to being flexible? What about the fact that many of the careers most of us will pursue don't even exist yet? My job wasn't even created until seven months ago.

What I'm doing now
I'm working jointly with Alumni Relations and Student Life at the University of Toronto.

My advice for employers
Don't be afraid to invest in young people. My employer took a chance on me when I was only 19, and it paid off for both of us. Young people often bring a level of enthusiasm and fresh perspective that can be a welcome addition to any workplace.

My advice for students and recent grads
Embrace change! Planning out your whole life at the age of 19 is overrated.

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CFL

Cauchy Muamba joins brother on Blue Bombers

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers signed Canadian free-agent safety Cauchy Muamba on Tuesday.

Muamba spent the last three seasons with the B.C. Lions. He started 17 games with the squad last year, registering 41 tackles, one forced fumble and two interceptions.

In Winnipeg, he'll join his brother, Henoc; a linebacker who the Bombers selected first overall in the 2011 CFL draft from St. Francis Xavier.

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CFL

Alouettes hire Hawkins as coach

Once again, general manager Jim Popp went outside the box to find a head coach for the Montreal Alouettes.

On Tuesday, the CFL club hired Dan Hawkins to replace Marc Trestman, who was named the Chicago Bears head coach last month. Hawkins, 52, arrives in Montreal with no previous Canadian football coaching experience.

Hawkins spent the last two seasons as a college football analyst for ESPN but has served as the head coach at Boise State and Colorado. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Dan Hawkins
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Matt Stajan is just one once-maligned Flame who has brought his A-game so far this season. DEREK LEUNG/GETTY IMAGES

Unusual suspects stepping up for Flames



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J-Bo's play finally paying off

"The passion and creativity Jay Bouwmeester is now showing is what we expected in 2009. Add a bit of snarl and you'd have Chris Pronger, but that's asking for too much."

It's only fitting that in this oddball of a lockout-shortened season, the Flames look like they come from the land of misfit toys.

Who could have imagined? Instead of Kipper in goal, the Flames have Joey and Danny. An overpaid softie like Matt Stajan is playing the best hockey of his Flames career and is more engaged than Jarome Iginla. A team dreadful in the faceoff circle waives one of its best natural drawmen in Blair Jones. Three-and-a-half years after signing as a free agent, Jay Bouwmeester's A-game has finally arrived.

Like Henrik Karlsson before him, the NHL book on Leland Irving became too much of a best-seller for the Flames to continue using him. In replacing the injured Miikka Kiprusoff, Irving became prone to overplaying and over-committing to first moves. The book became deke. The book on Karlsson was shoot high. Even though Danny Taylor had a sketchy third period against Phoenix on Monday, he looked confident in the crease, is technically sound and deserving of another start

Wednesday versus Los Angeles. Give it to him. The Flames know they have a modicum of serviceability in Joey MacDonald. With Taylor, it could be much more.

Nice to see Stajan and Bouwmeester start to earn their millions. I don't expect it to last with Stajan, who sometimes can play with intensity, but is too passive and unproductive to be a top-six regular. The passion and creativity J-Bo is now showing is what we expected in 2009. Add a bit of snarl and

you'd have Chris Pronger, but that's asking for too much. His career turnaround has been a revelation under new coach Bob Hartley.

Calgary fans always liked the energy and effort Jones offered on the fourth line. The production never arrived, but he did play with gusto and smarts. Goes to show the scouts and managers know a lot more about the nuances of hockey than we do if we can't understand why he was waived and a guy like Blake Comeau stays.

As for Iggy, he has one even-strength goal in 25 games dating back to last season. His puck possession in the offensive zone is weak, his defensive play is sub-standard, and he's fast becoming part of the problem instead of being part of the solution.

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Delahunt at home under pressure

Curling. Nova Scotia veteran alternate says Scotties spotlight 'feels like one of my homes'

You can't blame Nova Scotia alternate Nancy Delahunt for wanting to get as close to the action as possible.

The Scotties ice is familiar territory for the two-time world champion, who made her first appearance here more than two decades ago and has won five national women's curling titles since.

"It really feels like one of my homes," Delahunt said. "We've been here a lot."

Delahunt is serving as the fifth with her longtime teammates and friends this year in Kingston, Ont. She teamed with Mary-Anne Arsenault, Colleen Jones and Kim Kelly to win five Scotties titles over six years from 1999 through 2004.

The core group split in 2006 but got back together



Nova Scotia vice-skip Colleen Jones on Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

last season, adding newcomer Jen Baxter at lead.

Now, instead of holding the broom, Delahunt takes in the action from the coaching bench. Sporting a blue-and-white Nova Scotia warmup jacket, she'll often slowly lean forward on her chair when her teammates throw stones.

"I didn't think I'd be back," Delahunt said. "I was here in '08 and sort of said my good-byes then and thought that was it. But it was fun when

Unbeaten

The three unbeaten rinks all posted victories on Tuesday night to remain tied in first place at 6-0.

- Team Canada's Heather Neddohin beat B.C.'s Kelly Scott 7-5, Manitoba's Jennifer Jones topped Kristie Moore's Alberta rink 9-6 and Ontario's Rachel Homan defeated Quebec's Allison Ross 8-4.

this team got put together and I said I would do anything I could to help them out."

Arsenault bounced back from an 0-4 start to the tournament by skipping her side to a 10-7 win over Kerry Galuska of the Northwest Territories-Yukon on Tuesday. Nova Scotia improved to 2-4 in the evening draw with a 7-5 victory over Saskatchewan's Jill Shumay whose record is also 2-4. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	36	14	.720	—
New York	32	18	.640	4
Indiana	32	21	.604	5 1/2
Brooklyn	32	22	.593	6
Chicago	31	22	.585	6 1/2
Atlanta	29	22	.569	7 1/2
Boston	28	25	.528	9 1/2
Milwaukee	26	26	.500	11
Philadelphia	22	29	.431	14 1/2
Toronto	22	32	.407	16
Detroit	21	34	.382	17 1/2
Cleveland	16	37	.302	21 1/2
Washington	15	37	.288	22
Orlando	15	38	.283	22 1/2
Charlotte	13	40	.245	24 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	42	12	.778	—
Oklahoma City	39	14	.736	2 1/2
L.A. Clippers	39	17	.696	4
Memphis	34	18	.654	7
Denver	34	21	.618	8 1/2
Golden State	30	23	.566	11 1/2
Utah	31	24	.564	11 1/2
Houston	29	26	.527	13 1/2
Portland	25	28	.472	16 1/2
L.A. Lakers	25	29	.463	17
Dallas	23	29	.442	18
Minnesota	19	31	.380	21
New Orleans	19	35	.352	23
Sacramento	19	35	.352	23
Phoenix	17	36	.321	24 1/2

Note: Division leaders ranked in top three positions regardless of winning percentage.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Toronto 96 Washington 88

Charlotte 105 Orlando 92

Memphis 105 Detroit 91

Brooklyn 113 Milwaukee 111 (OT)

Chicago 96 New Orleans 87

Denver 97 Boston 90

Utah 115 Golden State 101

Phoenix at Portland

San Antonio at Sacramento

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern

Memphis at Toronto, 7 p.m.

New York at Indiana, 7 p.m.

Detroit at Charlotte, 7 p.m.

New Orleans at Cleveland, 8 p.m.

Philadelphia at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Brooklyn at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.

Oklahoma City at Houston, 8 p.m.

Miami at Atlanta, 9 p.m.

Orlando at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Boston at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Phoenix at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Miami at Chicago, 8 p.m.

San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	16	11	5	0	52	38	22
New Jersey	16	9	3	4	42	38	22
NY Rangers	15	8	6	1	39	38	17
Philadelphia	17	7	9	1	45	49	15
NY Islanders	16	6	9	1	46	57	13

NORTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Montreal	16	11	4	1	46	35	23
Boston	13	9	2	2	37	31	20
Toronto	17	10	7	0	48	40	20
Ottawa	17	9	6	2	40	32	20
Buffalo	17	6	10	1	47	56	13

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Carolina	14	8	5	1	41	40	17
Tampa Bay	15	8	6	1	59	47	17
Winnipeg	15	6	8	1	37	47	13
Florida	15	4	7	4	35	56	12
Washington	15	5	9	1	41	51	11

Note: A team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OL (other loss) column.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Montreal 3 NY Rangers 1

Winnipeg 2 Buffalo 1

Ottawa 3 NY Islanders 1

Tampa Bay 4 Toronto 2

San Jose 2 St. Louis 1

Nashville 4 Detroit 3 (OT)

Chicago 4 Vancouver 3 (SO)

Los Angeles at Edmonton

MONDAY'S RESULTS

Ottawa 2 New Jersey 1 (SO)

Philadelphia 7 NY Islanders 0

Colorado 6 Nashville 5

Montreal 3 Carolina 0

Toronto 3 Florida 0

Phoenix 4 Calgary 0

Anaheim 3 Columbus 2

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Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.

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THURSDAY'S GAMES

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Vancouver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Minnesota at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	16	13	0	3	55	34	29
Nashville	17	8	4	5	39	38	21
St. Louis	16	9	6	1	53	50	19
Detroit	16	7	6	3	43	48	17
Columbus	16	4	10	2	36	51	10

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Vancouver	15	8	3	4	44	37	20
Minnesota	15	7	6	2	33	38	16
Edmonton	14	6	5	3	35	38	15
Colorado	14	6	7	1	37	43	15
Calgary	14	5	6	3	39	51	13

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	15	12	2	1	53	39	25
San Jose	15	8	4	3	39	34	19
Phoenix	16	8	6	2	44	41	18
Dallas	16	8	7	1	41	43	17
Los Angeles	13	5	6	2	30	36	12

LIGHTNING 4, MAPLE LEAFS 2

First Period

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2. Toronto, Grabovski 4 (Kulemin, MacArthur) 17:59

Penalties — Bench Tor (Too Many Men) 1:40, Crombeen TBL (Fighting) 7:56, Brown Tor (Fighting) 7:56, Brown Tor (Misconduct) 7:56

Second Period

3. Tampa Bay, Stamkos 10 (Conacher, Pouliot) 4:56

Penalties — Purcell TBL (Tripping) 1:34, van Riemsdyk Tor (Hooking) 6:52, Scrivens Tor (Tripping) 13:06, Brown Tor (Holding) 15:30, Stamkos TBL (Hooking) 15:41.

Third Period

4. Tampa Bay, Killorn 2 (Crombeen) 2:49

5. Tampa Bay, Carle 3 (Pouliot, Hedman) 6:58 (pp)

6. Toronto, van Riemsdyk 9 (Kessel, Bozak) 16:08

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Tampa Bay: Lindback (W, 7-3-1).

Power plays (goal-chances) — Toronto: 0-3.

Tampa Bay: 1-6.

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2013 Ford Taurus SHO



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Fuel economy

Fuel economy isn't normally a top-of-mind issue for buyers of high-output sedans, but at least the SHO won't embarrass itself with a rating of 12.2 l/100 km in the city and 7.8 highway.

2013 Ford Taurus SHO

- **Type.** Four-door, all-wheel-drive full-size sedan
- **Engine (hp).** 3.5-litre DOHC V6, twin-turbocharged (365)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed automatic with paddle-shift controls
- **Base price (incl. destination).** \$50,900



The V6 EcoBoost is only used in a few applications and performs great in the F-150 pickup, actually.

Design

All Taurus models display a restyled grille and lower air intake, with the SHO receiving the blacked-out mesh-style grille as well as a set of bright high-intensity-discharge headlamps. Other visual markers include a deck lid spoiler plus unique 19-inch wheels and front rotors.

All wheel drive

A major component of the SHO's performance content is its standard all-wheel-drive that kicks in when the car is driven in an aggressive manner, when it's cornering and when the weather turns nasty and surface grip is compromised.

Review. You could be excused for thinking the SHO is just another Taurus, but is this really a bad thing?

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Full-size sedans appeal to people requiring, or preferring, plenty of space for people and their gear. It's simple, really. The Ford Taurus SHO extends its appeal to

drivers seeking a fast four-door with cat-like reflexes, regardless of road.

The SHO, which stands for Super High Output, has traveled a long way since its beginnings back in 1988 as a 220-horsepower sport sedan. Then, as now, the "show" (as it's pronounced) has never been a huge seller simply because it basically looks like any other Taurus. And with a price tag in the \$50,000 range, it's \$8,000 more than the best-equipped, regular-strength Taurus sedan that money can buy. Fifty large is also

within range of the Boss 302 Mustang with its 444-horsepower 5.0-litre V8. That sort of muscle eclipses the SHO's twin-turbocharged 3.5-litre "EcoBoost" V6 with its 365 horsepower and 350 pound-feet of torque.

Still, the 1,980-kilogram 2013 SHO delivers respectable potency with an estimated zero-to-60-mph (96 km/h) time of 5.2 seconds. It also offers a level of genteel cruiser-class comfort for five adults that's inconceivable in the Mustang.

The SHO's V6 is matched to a six-speed automatic trans-

mission with steering-wheel-mounted paddle shifters.

Hidden from view are stiff front springs and a beefed-up brake package highlighted by a larger master cylinder and front rotors. The electric power steering unit can be specifically calibrated to deliver plenty of feel and feedback for the driver.

Interestingly, much of the SHO-specific gear has been installed in the Taurus Police Package that replaces Ford's ancient (and now retired) Crown Victoria.

There's even more in store

for buyers who opt for the Performance Package. Here, you get a sport-tuned suspension, upgraded brakes, an "extreme duty" cooling system, a higher numerical final drive ratio for snappier acceleration and 20-inch machined wheels with summer-specific performance tires.

Ford states the Performance Package is the one to get for buyers looking to stretch their SHO's legs once in a while on the racetrack. A Taurus on a racetrack? Move over Boss 302, the whole family is coming.



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Diesel flag keeps flying high

Auto Pilot. Car companies betting on Canadians' love of diesel, despite our neighbours' reservations



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You can feel the current swirling around your rubber boots — the ones with the little ducks on them. Each successive auto show yields another announcement about another diesel entry.

In December at the L.A. auto show, we learned that Mazda6 will eventually have a 2.2-litre diesel option, and that Audi will be adding four new diesel variations to its lineup. Audi Q7 can already be optioned with a TDI, and now the TDI joy spreads to A6, A7, A8 and Q5.

At Detroit in January, Chrysler announced its revitalized 2014 Grand Cherokee will get a diesel — a 3.0-litre V6 developed and manufactured by Fiat's long-



Ried Bigland, Chrysler Canada president, at the Toronto auto show with the new 2013 Ram Heavy Duty packing the 6.7-litre Cummins diesel engine. Bigland announced that the light-duty Ram 1500 pickups will also get diesel option for 2014 — a 3.0-litre V6 made by its Italian partners, VM Motori. MIKE GOETZ/FOR METRO

term supplier, VM Motori.

A few weeks later in Chicago, GM announced Chevrolet Cruze would join the diesel party.

And now we come to the auto show on this week in Toronto. At a press conference at the show last Thursday, Chrysler said its Ram 1500 pickup would also get that 3.0-litre

V6 destined for the Jeep Grand Cherokee.

Of course, all these new diesel vehicles will join those already in the Canadian market by diesel zealots Mercedes-Benz, Volkswagen and BMW.

The interesting thing about this last batch of diesel announcements is they concern more mainstream, high-vol-

ume segments, like compact car, light-duty truck, and mid-size crossover.

With the noticeable exception of Volkswagen Jetta and Golf diesels, the German manufacturers have been flying the diesel flag at lofty levels — basically as a premium option in an already premium nameplate.

At the Toronto show I ran

into auto industry analyst Denis DesRosiers, who believes the big diesel shift in this country will come when one of the manufacturers is prepared to — or is able to — offer a diesel in or around \$20,000.

Right now, diesel seems to be about a \$7,000 to \$10,000 option, depending on the model. Not only are diesels en-

gines more complicated, they often require beefier transmissions to handle their increased torque. And, they're typically offered on more upscale trim levels, pushing their MSRPs even higher.

If we get diesels down into cheaper segments and on cheaper trim lines, then we'll get somewhere. According to DesRosiers, Canadians are already in love with diesels.

And what's not to love? Their increased torque translates to great every day driving experiences. They have huge range. They last forever and offer great resale potential. They're even "green" — though increased emission regulations will push the technology, and keep their prices comparatively high.

Americans still harbour misconceptions about diesels. Specifically that diesels are smelly and noisy, and that diesel fuel itself is in short supply and hard to find. You might even have to fight with truckers at truck stops to get your share!

Canadians are so past that, says DesRosiers. And we're so past my word count for this column. So gotta go. See you next week.

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

You may not like making sacrifices but deep down you know that something has to go. This is the ideal time for a clear-out — be it physical, mental or emotional. Get your broom and sweep away those cobwebs.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Challenges of one kind or another have been met and overcome, and now you know you can compete on equal terms your confidence will soar. Today, however, you need to cooperate a bit more and compete a bit less.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

This is a good time to extend your education in some way. If there is a particular topic that intrigues you then find out all you can about it. What you learn will be useful to you in the months ahead.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

The Sun in sympathetic Pisces encourages you to look further afield for the answers you seek. In some way or other you will be on the move today — and you'll discover things that few people know about.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Don't gamble with what you own and earn. You may be tempted to take some kind of financial risk, with the promise of big rewards if it goes the right way. But what if it doesn't? You cannot afford to take the chance.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Friends will do anything for you today — all you have to do is ask. But before you do, bear in mind that you should not take their goodwill for granted. The best friend is the one who doesn't expect too much.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

A certain task that looked so difficult a short while ago now looks incredibly easy. So what are you waiting for? Get on with it. You may surprise yourself how easily you make a success of it.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

The Sun in your fellow Water sign of Pisces not only fills your heart with joy but fills your mind with all sorts of creative ideas. What you do next is up to you but do something — and make it amazing.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

It may seem as if the world is against you but it's not remotely true. In fact, you'll realize you have friends in all directions if you only look on the bright side and stop entertaining negative thoughts.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

It is important that you know who among your friends and relatives can be trusted because if you confide in the wrong person today, the results could be disastrous. But confide you must. Don't keep your feelings to yourself.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

An issue that has been causing you sleepless nights will resolve itself over the next 24 hours, much to your relief. Next time, try not to take this kind of situation so seriously. Time heals all wounds — be they real or imagined.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

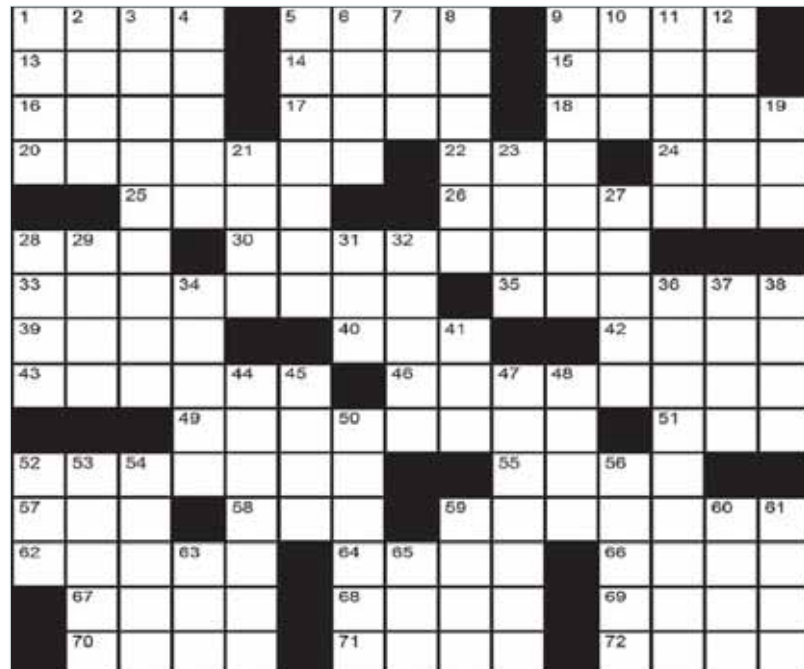
You know what needs to be done today, so get on and do it. The earlier you get busy, the quicker you will get through your chores and the more time you will have to do fun things with others this evening.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

- The ___ Awards (Overseas Grammy equivalents)
- Canada Goose monument site in Ontario
- Capricorn, for one
- Baroque painter, Guido ___
- Business person, briefly
- Mr. Aoki (World Golf Hall of Famer)
- Prefix to 'gon' (Eight-sided shape)
- Mr. Baldwin
- The ___ MacNeils (Celtic band from Cape Breton)
- Super clean and sanitary
- 'Computer' suffix (Tech jargon)
- "___, humbug!"
- Tirade
- Sentence enders.
- UK military fliers
- Best Actress nominee Jessica for "Zero Dark Thirty"
- February's birthstone
- Oscar-winning actress Marlee
- But, in Spanish
- Villain's chuckle, when repeated
- Reign
- Peace talks agreement
- Folk music instrument
- Oscar-winning Canadian actress Marie of "Min and Bill" (1930)
- Dubai's locale [acronym]
- Type of blouse or skirt
- Audacity
- Engine starter [abbr.]
- Tel Aviv, ___
- Oscar-winning film, "The English ___" (1996)
- Jaleel White's "Family Matters" role
- Make film cuts
- Type of duck
- Gen. Robert ___
- Feminizing suffix
- Actress Ms. Collette
- The Yukon, e.g.
- Free ticket



Down

- Warner ___ (Film studio)
- Prefix with 'angle'
- Meddle
- Heiress' headdress
- Rich
- Wheel shaft
- Small
- Take
- Remote region of Russia
- Old Testament book, for short
- Screen legend Greta
- U.S.-Canadian airspace protection org.

- Sighed sounds
- Move along slowly
- Crease
- Li'l lead-in
- Transfixed
- USA part, for short
- Fireplace residue
- Flower parts
- Some amphibians
- Yoga wear company founded in 1998 in Vancouver
- Figure skater Mr. Kulik
- Ms. Leakes of reality TV
- "Shallow ___" (2001)
- Nova Scotia-based comedy of

- 2001 to 2008, "___ Park Boys"
- Hankering
- Invalidates
- "Shoot!"
- Meryl of multi-Oscars
- More, in music
- White-plumed heron
- Foot-to-leg connector
- Enumerates
- Brooches
- "99 Luftballons": 1980s hit for who?
- Baby branch
- 'Ballad' suffix
- CSI evidence

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Weather

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MIN: -10°



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